

Update from -11<sup>th</sup> November 2016



Welcome to this week's newsletter.

**Remembrance Day**– Today we have held an act of remembrance as part of our weekly celebration assembly for the whole school. All of the children learnt about the meaning of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance. We listened to the words of a World War One veteran and held a perfect two minute silence to remember those who had fallen in conflict. I was extremely impressed by the level of respect shown by our pupils. All children were given the opportunity in classes afterwards to discuss Remembrance Day, memorials and conflict.

**Healthy school tuck shop** – We will be trialing, over the coming weeks, a healthy school tuck shop for Key Stage Two pupils. Children in Years Three to Five will be able to purchase a range of fruit snacks and bars along with rice cakes for their morning playtime. Items available for purchase will be:

Raisins –	15p
Rice cake –	15p
Fruit bar –	40p
Apple–	10p
Orange –	10p

If your child would like to purchase from the tuck shop it would be appreciated if they could have small change to help with cash floats. Thank you. Please note the tuck shop will not be available for Key Stage One as they are provided with fruit each morning through the fruit for schools scheme.

**Bumped Head Letters** – Several staff have recently updated their first aid training and in the light of this, we have reviewed the letters we send out when children bump their heads at school. Clearly, if children have a serious head injury we would contact you straight away or seek medical advice. However, fortunately, in most cases, injuries are minor and can be dealt with at school. Parents will be notified if children have a bump and the letter gives parents details about how the bump happened and also offers information on signs to look out for when the child comes home from school. Additional information is also now available on the school website for parents to refer to should their child have a minor bump. We will add additional information to the website as needed. First aid information can be found on this link: <http://www.brooklands.derbyshire.sch.uk/medical-illness-information>

**Snow Plan and Inclement weather** – At this time of year the weather is becoming more and more wintery. We have even had forecasts of snow this week! Should we have a large amount of snow, we have a 'Snow Plan' on the school

website for parents. We will update you via Twitter, Facebook & text message should you wonder whether school is open or not. We will also send a message out via Radio Derby. The weather will have to be extremely severe for the school to close as I always endeavour to open the school unless the risk to staff and pupils is too high. The snow plan can be found here: <http://www.brooklands.derbyshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Snow-Plan-and-information-for-parents.pdf>

**Pupil Premium Funding** – We are always reviewing the provision we make for the children in school and many of you will be aware of additional funding we receive called, Pupil Premium Funding. This funding is allocated to the school for children who qualify for free school meals, or who have qualified for free school meals in the last 6 years. We are aware that personal circumstances often change and so if you think that you might qualify for this funding, please call into the school office where we will give you a form to complete. If we do receive additional funding for your child, we may be able to offer your child additional support in school and also additional financial support for school activities. (Eg trips, breakfast club etc.) There is more information for parents at on the following link: <http://www.theschoolrun.com/pupil-premium-explained>. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask at the school office.

**School Uniform:** Just a reminder of the school uniform code which is available for parents on the school website. Children should wear a tie to school every day with the new school jumper (with the school logo). Please remember that skirts and trousers should be grey and not black and all jumpers should display the school logo. We appreciate that this year at Brooklands is a 'hand over year' and that both the old and new school uniform can be worn. However, please bear the new uniform code in mind when purchasing replacement uniform. Also, the new uniform code is very clear that boots should not be worn to school. Again, this year, I appreciate that the old uniform code still applies. However, in future, only shoes should be worn to school please. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

**Parents' Evening Letters:** You should receive your parents evening appointment time today. If you are unable to attend for any reason, please let us know via the school office, so that your appointment time can be reallocated. We look forward to talking with you.

**Sports news:** You will have noticed that our children are very busy taking part in various sporting activities. Well done to all of the children for entering into the sporting spirit and showing our values in all of the competitions they enter. I have heard reports of great teamwork and fantastic resilience so well done to all our sports stars and thank to Mrs East for organising these events for our children to take part in.

**Juice Policy:** I am aware that there has been some confusion about what the school policy is on healthy drinks in school. Previously, children have only been allowed to bring water into school and this has worked well for many of the children. However, I am aware that there are some children who do not like water on its own and who would prefer to drink juice. With this in mind, we have revised the school policy in line with guidelines on the NHS UK website. **Children may now bring diluted squash / cordial in a drinks bottle (low sugar or sugar free recommended) or water.** The NHS website recommends that squash is diluted to 1 part juice 10 parts water and this is what we at Brooklands recommend also. More information and recommendations can be found on <http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Goodfood/Pages/water-drinks.aspx>. Children may bring smoothies or fruit juice with packed lunches only. As before, no fizzy drinks at all in school please.

**Message from Miss Bisknell** - On the afternoon of Monday 14th November, Awesome Asteroids will be taking part in a Badminton Festival at TLES. They will be back at school in time for normal home time.

Kind Regards,  
Ceri Hathaway  
Headteacher

The link to see our 'Stars of the week' for this week is:  
<http://www.brooklands.derbyshire.sch.uk/news-events/stars-week>

Also, please don't forget to keep up to date via Twitter @brooklandsprim1 or on Facebook.

***Amended / additional dates:***

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Miss Plumbs' Class at Mini movers at TLES 9.30am – 11.30am*
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Mrs Bisknell's Class at the Badminton Festival at TLES 1pm – 3pm*
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Parents evening 1 – 3.30 – 6pm*
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Parents evening 2 – 3.30 – 5pm*
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Y4 Church Visit (pm)*
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Whole School Music Evening 5.30pm*
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – PTA Christmas Fayre.*
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Craft in Key Stage 2 -2.30pm*
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Craft in Key Stage 1 / EYFS – 2.30pm*
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Craft Sale- 2.30pm*